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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATION UNDER DISTRIBUTION
LICENSE PROCEDURE - WIMPEY LABORATORIES LTD.

REF: STATE 64938

1. SUBJECT FIRM IS WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF REPUTABLE GEORGE WIMPEY & CO. LTD. (EUROPE'S LARGEST BUILDING CIVIL, MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS) FOR WHICH IT IS THE CENTRAL INDUSTRIAL LABORATORY. ITS FUNCTION INCLUDES WORLD WIDE OFFSHORE SITE INVESTIGATIONS, GEOTECHNICAL PROCESSING, HYDROGRAPHIC/GEOLOGICAL/GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS AND MATERIALS TESTING. IT EMPLOYS 750 AND CLAIMS ANNUAL SALES VOLUME OF 10 MILLION POUNDS. IN 1974, HOWEVER, FIRM MADE LOSS OF 109,626 POUNDS.

2. UNDERSTAND FROM RELIABLE INDUSTRY SOURCE THAT COUNTY COURT JUDGEMENT FOR SMALL AMOUNT WAS REGISTERED AGAINST FIRM IN 1975, HOWEVER WITH ITS OVERALL FAVORABLE REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATION WITH GEORGE WIMPEY IT IS STILL CONSIDERED TRUSTWORTHY FOR NORMAL BUSINESS DEALINGS.

3. WHILE SUBJECT FIRM WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE SECURITY RISK, EMBASSY IS UNCLEAR AS TO WHETHER FIRM IS ELIGIBLE CONSIGNEE UNDER PROVISION OF PART 373.3(C) OF EXPORT UNCLASSIFIED

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ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS. EMBASSY THEREFORE NOT ABLE

TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION ON ITS ACCEPTABILITY.

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